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YULETIDE SPIRIT RULING CITY ON THIS GREAT DAY

For It's Christmas Day, and
Who Could Have a 'Grouch'
If They Tried?

EVEN THE POOR HAPPY

For They Will Be Fed and
Given Good Things in
His Name.

MIDNIGHT AND EARLY MASSES

Morning Services Held in Nearly All
the Churches—President Sends
Gifts to Children.

Little boys and girls awoke this morning and leaped from bed without being called twice. They hurriedly slipped on a few scant pieces of raiment and, with their faces wreathed in smiles, bounded down the stairs to the parlor to see whether the Christmas tree really was there and whether Santa Claus actually had made his annual visit.

They were met at the foot of the stairs by sleepy-eyed parents who had kept late, yes, very late hours, adjusting tinsel, tying on ornaments, trimming branches, arranging imitation snow, hanging Christmas bells, sticking holly behind the pictures, hanging the costly bit of mistletoe from the gas or electric-light fixture and placing the stack of presents under the tree with the toy sheep and ducks and dogs and whatnot.

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Same to you! Same to you! Oh, look! Isn't it grand? Isn't it grand?"

Salutations, greetings, and how-you-do's, joy, merriment, and then some. For, according to a time-worn adage, Christmas comes but once a year.

Sure enough, it's Christmas Day! Oh, yes, Christmas again is in our midst. A dry Christmas, to be sure, with no snow for Santa Claus or for the little boys and girls who get gifts for presents, but nevertheless, Christmas with fruit cake and candy and oranges and

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"Serbia's Struggle Against Fate"

"The Little Gatekeeper to the Balkans on the oldest and shortest road to the East only rose from a long age of subjection to be again the sport of conquering empires—one of the most perilous spots on the map."

Another striking article in the series "Fallen Nations"—by James Morgan, author of "Thousand Miles in the Path of Napoleon."

"Alias Santa Claus"

—a complete, fascinating, timely short story.

"King Dick"

Another complete story, dealing with "The Thrilling Adventures of Dick Anthony of Arran," by Talbot Mundy.

"The Cyanogen Affair"

The first of an entirely new "live-wire" series of detective stories by Max Rittenberg.

"The Debut of a Real Gibson Girl"

She is Miss Irene Gibson, and young and handsome, straight of back and lithe of figure; she is the irresistible, sunny-hearted American girl and true to the type immortalized by her father. Moreover, she is the perfect picture of her mother, who was once the lovely Miss Irene Langhorne, famed far and wide for her beauty and the original model for the Gibson girl.

"The Girl Behind the Closed Window"

The strange case of Grace Marshall, locked in a bare room for twelve years by her parents and only recently discovered by an uncle.

"Are the Vernon Castles Going to Separate?"

Vernon's going to be an aviator, Irene is still dancing—Rumor says many things. You'll find all these and many more interesting, timely, and entertaining features in

The Magazine Section
of Tomorrow's
Sunday Herald

ENGLAND'S KING SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO HIS ARMY AND NAVY

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 24.—The following message from his majesty the King of British subjects throughout the empire was received by his royal highness the Duke of Connaught tonight: "Another Christmas finds all the resources of the empire still engaged in war, and I desire to convey, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Queen, a heartfelt Christmas greeting and our good wishes for the new year to all who on sea and land are upholding the honor of the British name."

"In the officers and men of my navy, on whom the security of the empire depends, I repose in common with all my subjects a trust that is absolute. On the officers and men of my armies, whether now in France, in the East, or in other fields, I rely with an equal faith, confident that their devotion, their valor, and their self-sacrifice will, under God's guidance, lead to victory and an honorable peace."

"There are many of their comrades now, alas, in hospitals, and to these brave men, also, I desire, with the Queen, to express our deep gratitude and our earnest prayers for their recovery."

"Officers and men of the navy and of the army, another year is drawing to a close as it began, in toil, bloodshed, and suffering, but I rejoice to know that the goal to which you are striving draws nearer in sight, and may God bless you and all your undertakings."

(Signed) "GEORGE, R. I."

NAVY EXPERTS' REPORT ISSUED

Daniels Publishes Suppressed
Proposals, Which Differ
from His Own Plans.

EXPERTS ASK FOR MANY MORE SHIPS THAN DOES SECRETARY

Board Urges Expenditure of \$200,000,000 a Year More than Administration Heads Favor.

HOW BOARD'S PROPOSALS DIFFER FROM DANIELS'

The difference between recommendations by the General Board in its original report as by Secretary Daniels as to numbers and varieties of ships for 1917 is shown by the following table:

General Board	Daniels
4 Battle cruisers	2
4 Destroyers	3
2 Destroyer tenders	1
1 Fleet submarine	1
2 Fleet submarines	2
4 Gunboats	2
1 Hospital ship	1
1 Fuel oil ship	1
1 Destroyer tender	None
2 Fleet submarine tenders	None
1 Supply ship	None
1 Transport	None
1 Repair ship	None
1 Ammunition ship	None

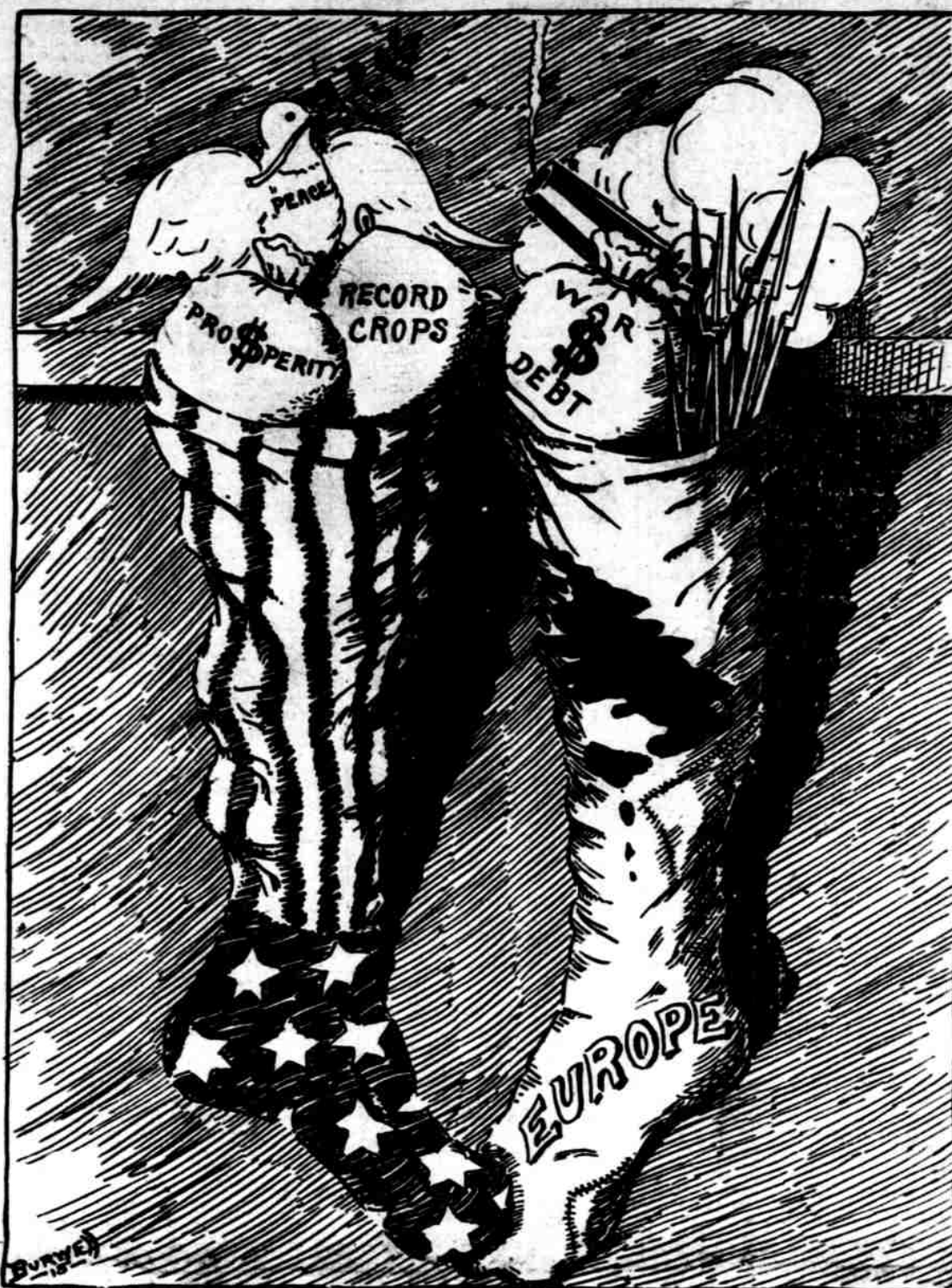
Secretary of the Navy Daniels yesterday made public the hitherto suppressed report of the General Board. It is the report which the board submitted to him last July when President Wilson, fearing a rupture with Germany, called upon the experts of the army and navy for their opinion as to what would be immediately necessary to place the United States' fighting units in position to meet any emergency which might arise.

Until yesterday this July report of the board was hidden away in a pigeon-hole of the Secretary's private desk. When the time came for him to make public the annual report of the board, the Secretary did not print this one. He printed instead a report which he told the board to frame within the limits, as far as any proposed building program was concerned, of a \$100,000,000-a-year program. Although it was disclosed by the publication of this subsequent report that the General Board in its July recommendations had urged a policy which would make the United States navy the equal of any in the world by 1925, the details of it were not given out until yesterday.

The publication of this July report discloses the fact that the board wished Congress to adopt a program in the next budget calling for an expenditure of approximately \$200,000,000, as against the \$100,000,000-a-year program adopted by the Secretary and President Wilson. In order to put the American navy on a footing with that of Great Britain by 1925, this sum would have to be expended annually for the six years between 1917 and 1922, the ships laid down in 1922 requiring until 1925 to be completed.

Under this original General Board plan, it follows annually, there would be added to the navy by 1925 in fighting ships, exclusive of auxiliaries: 25 Dreadnoughts, 24 battle cruisers, 36 scout cruisers, 130 coast submarines, 42 fleet submarines, 138 destroyers, and 35 gunboats. Under the administration program the new ships added by that time would be 16 Dreadnoughts, 8 battle cruisers, 16 scout cruisers, 50 destroyers, 15 fleet submarines, 25 coast submarines, and 4 gunboats.

To Accommodate Washington Branch Commuters, Baltimore and Ohio will hold 12:00 noon train until 12:30 on December 26 and 31.—Adv.



BOTH BULGING.

NEED \$350 TO AID FAMILIES

Charities Close Ten Opportunities—Four Remain Partly Unfilled.

INTERESTED WOMAN SENDS CHECK CALLING FOR \$1,000

Lad of Eight, with Shoes that Want Mending, Trudges to Office and Gives 101 Pennies.

Three hundred and fifty dollars remains to be subscribed to make comfortable the fourteen selected families for which the Associated Charities stand sponsor. Ten of the "opportunities" were closed; but four remain. Charity workers were greatly cheered by a receipt of a check for \$1,000 sent by a woman who simply stated that she was interested. A \$100 bill in another anonymous letter also was received. One boy of about 8 years trudged into the charities office yesterday in shoes that needed replacing. He refused to give his name, but turned his pocket wrong-side-out to give the last of 101 pennies. These he laid before the clerk and after asking her to give it to the fourteen families walked out.

Four Remaining Opportunities. Here are the four opportunities that remain, at the early hours of Christmas day, unfilled:

Widow with tuberculosis, attempting to support two children. Necessary, \$20; pledged, \$19.15.

Widow with four little ones, all under fourteen. Baby of this family took first prize recently as the prettiest and healthiest of several hundred tots. The eldest girl is an honor-pupil in her school. The mother has arrested an attack of the white plague.

Blind mother, almost blind father and five children under fourteen years. Budget for necessities, \$30; subscribed, \$22.

Widow and four children must have \$12; contributed, \$11.50.

British Steamer Missing. Dundee, Dec. 24.—The British steamer Moor is missing and is believed to have been sunk by a German submarine. The fate of her crew is unknown.

The Moor is not listed in Lloyd's register, but there is a British S. S. named the Moor, 202 tons, listed there.

Says Kaiser Has Cancer. Paris, Dec. 24.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Matin states that reports are in circulation in Berlin, that the Kaiser is suffering from cancer of the throat and that his condition is serious.

Baltimore and Ohio to Baltimore 11:50 round trip, every Saturday and Sunday; good returning until 9 a. m. Monday.—Adv.

DENIAL MADE BY EMBASSY

"All" Red Cross Supplies Not Stopped to Germany by British.

ONLY RUBBER GOODS, WHICH ARE CONTRABAND, HELD UP

Willing to Let Even These to Be Sent by Red Cross Under Certain Conditions.

The British Embassy last night branded as "absolutely untrue" press reports to the effect that the British government has prohibited the sending of all Red Cross supplies from the United States into Germany.

According to the embassy statement, Great Britain has been permitting hospital supplies to go to Germany despite the fact that until December 3, Germany had not agreed to abide by the provision of the Declaration of London, allowing free transit of all hospital supplies not liable to be considered as contraband.

Allies Consider Request. As rubber is contraband of war, the embassy statement explains, and an article of great military importance, rubber gloves and sheets were not permitted entry into Germany. Despite this, however, the embassy states that the British government was willing to permit such articles to go into Germany on receipt of a guarantee that they would be used solely by the American Red Cross units and destroyed after use.

As these units had been withdrawn from Germany, the Red Cross was unable to give such a guarantee. Recently the officials of the Red Cross asked permission, the embassy states, to send large quantities of rubber hospital goods for use in Southeastern Europe by the German Red Cross. This request, the statement says, is now being considered by the allied governments.

Statement by Dr. Forest. New York, Dec. 24.—"For several weeks the Red Cross has been unable to secure permits for the shipments of hospital supplies to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. Correspondence and negotiations intended to obtain such permits have been and are being earnestly carried on in the hope and expectation that they may be issued. The Red Cross has been doing and may be relied upon to do everything within its power to this end."

The above is part of a statement given out this afternoon by Robert W. De Forest, following a meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross Society.

Former President Taft was chairman of the meeting.

FORD FAMILY GET NO WORD

Cablegrams and Wireless Messages to Returning Pacifist Unanswered.

QUITS HIS PARTY IN NORWAY AND IS RETURNING HOME ILL

"Do Not Believe He Would Stay Without Letting Us Know," Says Secretary in Detroit.

Special to The Washington Herald. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Henry Ford, wife of the Detroit millionaire and pacifist, spent Christmas Eve in her home without any word from her husband, who is aboard the Norwegian steamer Bergensfjord with Dean S. S. Marquis, of Detroit, bound for home.

No cable message has been received during the day by Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Marquis, or officials of the Ford Motor Company. Edna B. Ford, the son, had no statement to give out today, and spent the evening with his mother.

E. C. Leibold, Mr. Ford's secretary, said he had been making futile efforts during the last twenty-four hours to communicate with the peace ship party. He called Thursday, he said, and again today, but has received no reply.

"I do not believe Mr. Ford would start for home," he said, "without first informing us of his intentions. Why the cables have not been answered I do not know. The only explanation to me is that weather conditions have delayed Mr. Ford's reply."

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 24.—Henry Ford has abandoned his peace party because of illness.

Mr. Ford was a passenger on the Norwegian liner Bergensfjord which sailed from Bergen for New York this morning. Before leaving Mr. Ford said that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the Women's International Peace Association.

It was known to the pacifist's friends that he felt deeply the factional disputes that occurred on the steamship Oscar II and the coolness of the European newspapers toward his mission.

Dr. Kuron, who had been treating Mr. Ford, said:

"The patient was not suffering from any organic trouble, but he was in urgent need of a rest."

The pacifist leader, before leaving, told his friends that if his health permitted he would join the party later.

Villa General Surrenders 4,000 Men. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—Gen. Jose Rodriguez, commander of the largest division of Villa's army, today signed at Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, an agreement, surrendering with 4,000 men to Gen. Obregon.

WHITE HOUSE IS TO HAVE A TREE JUST THE SAME

Although the President and Mrs. Wilson are away from Washington, the White House will have its Christmas tree and its Christmas celebration.

In the library on the second floor is a tree, upon which are ten small stockings awaiting the coming of Santa Claus. They belong to the President's grandchildren, Francis Bowes Sayre and Ellen McAdoo; the President's grandniece, Josephine Cothron, and the children of Secretary McAdoo, Sallie and Nona. The elders who are to have part in this celebration are the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, Mrs. Ann Cothron, Prof. Herbert Axson, Mrs. Ann Howe, Miss Margaret Wilson, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones.

MARU DETAILS ARE ORDERED

Lansing Cables Consuls for
Facts Concerning Sinking
of Jap Ship.

IF NO WARNING WAS GIVEN, VIENNA WILL BE SENT NOTE

Attack May Cause Japan to Take
More Active Part in War.
Turning Tide.

Instructions have been sent to American consular agents at Mediterranean ports to cable to Washington any information they can gather regarding the circumstances of the submarine attack on the Japanese liner Yatsuka Maru, reported to have been torpedoed without warning by an Austrian submarine.

Inasmuch as an American citizen is said to have been on board the liner, the State Department, in the event that the press reports are confirmed by the consular reports, will make inquiries at Vienna with a view to laying the basis for a note of protest.

In view of the fact that the informal "conversations" which have been in progress between Secretary of State Lansing and Baron Ziwiednek, the Austrian Charge d'Affaires, have led to the belief that Austria is anxious to reach an amicable settlement with the United States in connection with the Ancona case, this new development has caused apprehension.

The United States has made it a fundamental proposition in all its correspondence with Germany that under no circumstances shall an unarmed merchant ship be attacked without warning. And since this country has held it to be a serious violation of international law even to place in jeopardy the life of an American citizen under such circumstances, the fact that all on board the Japanese liner are reported to have been saved, will not alter the basis of any protest.

Japs May Increase Activities. Of equal interest in official and diplomatic circles here, as bearing on the attack on the Yatsuka Maru, was the statement emanating yesterday from Japanese Embassy quarters that the Japanese government will probably take a more active part in the European war on the side of the Entente Allies if it develops that Austrian submarines have begun a campaign against Japanese merchant ships.

It is conceded generally here that should Japan decide to send her armies to Europe to aid the Entente powers, the tide might be made to turn appreciably against the Central powers, particularly if the Japanese armies are used to cut off the threatened Austro-German-Turkish attack on the Suez Canal and Egypt.

Baron Ziwiednek had another long conference yesterday with Secretary Lansing, in the course of which, it is understood, he expressed doubt as to the accuracy of the report that the Yatsuka Maru was attacked without warning. Shortly after his call on Mr. Lansing the Charge d'Affaires sent to the State Department a code message for transmission by wireless to Austria.

It is generally understood that Baron Ziwiednek's object in conferring with Mr. Lansing has been to acquaint his government more fully with the attitude of the American government on the Ancona case. It is assumed that his message to Austria yesterday afternoon contained reference to the growing alarm over the reports concerning the Yatsuka Maru incident.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED.

Passengers Badly Shaken Up in Collision During Snowstorm.

Veederburg, Ind., Dec. 24.—Four trainmen were killed and more than twenty persons badly shaken up when an east-bound Clover Leaf train collided with a freight train near here late this afternoon.

A blinding snowstorm was raging at the time of the crash.

U. S. Ship Detained by British. London, Dec. 24.—A Lloyd dispatch from Malta states that the American steamship Montana has been detained there by the British naval authorities.

TEUTON AIRMEN BEGIN ATTACK ON SALONIKI BY DROPPING BOMBS

Aeroplanes Believed to Be Operated From
A Base at Guevgheli Which Is Only
Forty Miles North of the City.

ALLIES READY TO FIGHT HARD

Are Strongly Fortified on Greek Soil and Await Attack with
Confidence—Have Many Big Guns and
Are Backed by Warships.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The first attack by the Teutonic allies on the entente forces in Greece has come by way of the air. German and Bulgarian aeroplanes have attacked the Anglo-French cantonments north of Saloniki, dropping many bombs, according to a press dispatch received here today.

The aeroplanes evidently operated from a base at Guevgheli, which is only forty miles north of Saloniki. The allied forces in the Balkans are well equipped with both aeroplanes and high-angle guns.

Expert Attack in Macedonia.

French war correspondents at Saloniki state that the Germans and Bulgarians after swift preparations, are about to attack the allies in force in Macedonia. Sixty thousand Germans are reported to be massed at Monastir and 20,000 Turks in the Struma Valley. The bulk of the Bulgarian army is concentrated in the Vardar Valley.

The correspondent of the Petit Parisien estimates that the Bulgarian, German and Turkish troops on the Serbo-Greek frontier number nearly 200,000, but more of the military experts figure that the Germanic allies in that region do not exceed 200,000 men.

The entente allies, strongly entrenched on Greek soil, are ready to give a defensive battle to the Teutonic allies.

The left wing of the entente forces rests on the Vardar River, the center faces the frontier near Dolan and the right wing, made up of British corps, defends Chalcidica.

The allies' supply of heavy guns is stated to be fully adequate and the ships in the Saloniki roadstead are ready to support the land batteries if the battle comes beneath their guns.

Montenegrins Claim Victory. The following statement was issued by the Montenegrin consulate here this afternoon:

"We have taken the offensive near Barana and have thrown the Austrian back nearly as far as Roza."

The statement declares the Austrian were "repulsed with large losses." This "repulse" followed an attack on Toural made by the Austrians on Wednesday in the direction of Barana and a pursuit of the Austrians, which the Montenegrin official said was made "as far as the village of Ivanja."

Fleet Is Flashed Yuletide Message

Arlington Radio Station Sends
Christmas Greetings from
Daniels to Navy Men.

Wireless Christmas greetings to naval officers and crews on ships and on shore were flashed from the Arlington radio station yesterday afternoon. At the same time Secretary Daniels sent a telegram to the crew of the battleship New York, in port at Brooklyn Navy Yard, congratulating them on playing Santa Claus to 100 poor children of New York.

The wireless message to the navy was addressed to "All Ships and Shore Stations." It follows:

"Voicing the national spirit, I send Christmas greetings to the American navy from the American people."

(Signed) JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

This message was received by the high power and intermediate stations, and the ships at sea within reach of Arlington's wireless call and was relayed to ships in Mediterranean, Mexican, and Far Eastern waters.

Secretary Daniels was advised over the telephone by Thomas A. Edison yesterday of the generous act of the crew of the battleship New York in providing a genuine Christmas for 100 needy children.

PRESIDENT AND BRIDE SPEND LIVELY XMAS EVE

Mrs. Wilson Shines as Social Leader at Entertainment at Homestead Hotel.

Special to The Washington Herald. Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 24.—President Wilson and bride joined a dozen other honeymooning couples in leading an old-fashioned Southern Christmas celebration at the Homestead Hotel tonight. A Christmas tree twenty-five feet high was erected for the occasion and an improvised minstrel troop of Virginia dandies sang and danced.

The new mistress of the White House was the most vivacious of all the bride-present and her graciousness of manner caused many to predict a great social conquest for her. She wore a purple velvet evening costume, trimmed with black lace and black silk slippers which were without ornaments.

The Battle of Armageddon. New National Theater, 8 a. m. Sunday. Free.—Adv.

RAINY CHRISTMAS IS WEATHER MAN'S GIFT

"Blue" Yuletide Is Best Meteorological Expert Can Promise—No
Chance of Snow.

"Increasing cloudiness with rain." This is the greeting of the weather forecaster to the people of Washington Christmas morning. The jovial Yuletide spirit that descended on the city yesterday will be overshadowed by drear clouds if the forecaster's prediction is correct.

"Jack Frost has gone north to celebrate Christmas in his own region," said the forecaster last night, "and there is no chance of getting him back in time to envelop Washington in a cloak of snow tomorrow."

Washington will not be alone in its "blue" Christmas. All of the Middle Atlantic States will feel the pit' pat' of warm rain. The Weather Bureau states the snow storm which swept the Middle West yesterday may reach Northern New York and the New England States tonight or tomorrow. The Mississippi Valley probably will enjoy a clear Christmas Day.

MOVIE SHOWN IN COURT
WINS ACTRESS \$4,000

Depicts Her Falling from Tree and Breaking Ankle for Which She Sued.

New York, Dec. 24.—For the first time in the history of the Supreme Court a moving-picture film was introduced in evidence today before Justice Gavegan to illustrate an accident. The jurors were so impressed with the exhibition that they awarded a \$4,000 verdict to Celia G. Turner for a broken ankle.

Miss Turner, who is an actress and playwright, was engaged by the Crystal Film Company last spring to take the part of a housekeeper in a moving-picture play. In an orchard scene she climbed a tree, and hung from a limb as directed. When a supposed lunatic ran by the tree she dropped.

In dropping she struck a root of the tree and broke her left ankle. The film shown to the jurors exhibited her falling, and as she lay writhing in pain on the ground. She sued for \$5,000, alleging negligence.

Pastor Russell. The Battle of Armageddon. New National Theater, 8 a. m. Sunday. Free.—Adv.